

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 4, with the following redlined paragraph:

~~Figure 1 depicts~~ Figures 1A and 1B depict a nucleotide sequence of mouse *Fkh<sup>sf</sup>* cDNA (SEQ ID NO: 1); translation is predicted to initiate at position 259 and terminate at position 1546.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 9, with the following redlined paragraph:

~~Figure 3 depicts~~ Figures 3A and 3B depict a nucleotide sequence of 1735 bp corresponding to human *FKHsf* cDNA (SEQ ID NO: 3; including a 1293 bp coding region); translation is predicted to initiate at position 55 and terminate at position 1348.